Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus capable of outputting printing data by using another apparatus connected to a network, comprising:

a predetermined process of making the output a print data recognizable by the other apparatus in accordance with a print instruction by a user; and

calculating means for calculating an output a print charge in accordance with the created setting information,

wherein creating the setting information and calculating the output print charge are performed before the output print data is sent to the network.

Claim 2 (Original) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein calculation by said calculating means is performed by a control program for controlling the other apparatus.

Claim 3 (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein generating creating the setting information is performed by a control program for controlling the other apparatus, and calculation by said calculating means is performed by a charge application which is activated by a process different from the control program.

Claim 4 (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein whether calculation by said calculating means is performed and whether the output

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print data is sent to the network after the calculation by said calculating means, is settable beforehand.

Claim 5 (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein if the output print charge calculated by said calculating means exceeds a predetermined value, the output print data is not sent to the network.

Claim 6 (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising notifying means for notifying a user of the output print charge calculated by said calculating means.

Claim 7 (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising means responsive to an operation by the user for terminating an output a print process without sending the output print data to the network or for changing the setting information.

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Claim 9 (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said calculating means calculates the output print charge in accordance with charge information stored in the information processing apparatus.

Claim 10 (Original) An information processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the charge information is updated in accordance with information received via the network.

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Claim 12 (Currently amended) A storage medium storing a program for controlling an information processing apparatus capable of outputting printing data by using another apparatus connected to a network, comprising:

a creating step of creating setting information when data is output to print data, during a print data print data recognizable by the other apparatus in accordance with a print instruction by a user; and

a calculating step of calculating an output a print charge in accordance with the created setting information,

wherein creating the setting information and calculating the output print charge are performed before the output print data is sent to the network.

Claim 13 (Original) A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein calculation by said calculating step is performed by a control program for controlling the other apparatus.

Claim 14 (Currently amended) A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein generating creating the setting information is performed by a control program for controlling the other apparatus, and calculation by said calculating step is performed by a charge application which is activated by a process different from the control program.

Claim 15 (Currently amended) A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein whether calculation by said calculating step is preformed performed and whether the output print data is sent to the network after the calculation by said calculating step, is settable beforehand.

Claim 16 (Currently amended) A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein if the output print charge calculated by said calculating step exceeds a predetermined value, the output print data is not sent to the network.

Claim 17 (Currently amended) A storage medium according to claim 12, further comprising a notifying step of notifying a user of the output print charge calculated by said calculating step.

Claim 18 (Currently amended) A storage medium according to claim 17, further comprising a step, responsive to an operation by the user, of terminating an output a print process without sending the output print data to the network or of changing the setting information.

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Claim 20 (Currently amended) A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein said calculating step calculates the output print charge in accordance with charge information stored in the information processing apparatus.

Claim 21 (Original) A storage medium according to claim 20, wherein the charge information is updated in accordance with information received via the network.

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